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THE CHECK RACKET

A Number of Merchants Are Caught by Cashing Worthless Checks.

FELLOW ASKED FOR "PERUNA"

For quite a long time the merchants and generous citizens of Albuquerque have not been worked by the worthless check racket, and the newspapers of the city had almost concluded that the fellows who make a living by this nefarious practice, had forgotten this city.

However, such was not the case, and a slick appearing fellow with good address and good manners, giving his name as Frank Hamilton, appeared yesterday afternoon and last night, and had no difficulty in getting a number of worthless \$10 and \$5 checks, all drawn on the First National bank, cashed.

In the afternoon, about 5:30 o'clock, he called at Charles D. Matthews' cafe on First street, and purchased a meal ticket for \$4.50. He presented a \$10 check, received the balance in change, and after eating a meal, departed, whistling to himself "Oh, how easy."

He walked over to "The Acro," where numerous girls and boys have on all night long, and entered a local Cuticola's place. He wanted a drink, in fact his friends wanted a drink, and after securing the beverages, had a \$5 check cashed, securing the balance, amounting to over \$4, and as he walked out a bystander heard the sweet tones come from his lips, "Oh, how easy."

Realizing that music has charms to soothe, he meandered down South Second street and, after supper, entered the music store of George P. Leonard. He looked at several musical instruments, and finally selected a \$5 violin. He presented a \$10 check, but Mr. Leonard was so charmed with the "gentleman's" appearance and purchase, instead of giving him cash in exchange, he gave him one of his own checks, the amount being \$5. As the fellow walked out of the store he was adding that soul-uttering tone, "Home, sweet home."

But, on reaching the corner of First street and Gold avenue, he changed his notion and entered the Alvarado drug store. Here he purchased two bottles of Peruna, stating that he would make more purchases of Peruna, and had a 75-cent prescription filled. His bill amounted to \$2.75 and presented a \$10 check, but Manager Crawford did not know the fellow, and refused him the goods unless the check was endorsed by some reputable citizen. As he walked out of the Alvarado drug store he was heard to say: "Peruna, I must have, and if you do not first succeed, try, try again."

Hamilton then retraced his steps on Gold avenue, and called at the drug store of S. Vann & Son. Here he purchased three bottles of Peruna, and presented his check of \$10, resolving in change \$7. Percy Young, manager of the Highland meat market, was in the store at the time, and informed Mr. Vann, who became suspicious after the fellow had left, that he recognized in the fellow a man to whom he had sold meat. Mr. Vann was still uneasy—his bones told him that he had "the trick played on him again," and on seeing the lights burning in the First National bank and several clerks at work, he telephoned for information. A message came back: "Frank Hamilton has no funds in the bank." Mr. Vann then started out to hunt for Mr. Hamilton, but he could not be found.

All these tricks, and probably others which have not turned up, were worked between 5 and 9 last night.

This morning the police were put in possession of the above facts, and they are under the impression that he either left this city last night or on the 2d this morning. He is described as a man about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches in height, weighs between 140 and 150 pounds, sandy complexion, smooth shaven, and between 23 and 25 years of age. He told Matthews that he was a painter, and worked for Malint, but there is no Malint in the paint business in Albuquerque. This morning one of the bottles of Peruna, which was secured at the Vann drug store, was found in the alley back of the St. Elmo saloon. It had not been uncorked.

A rumor gained currency that the fellow was Frank Hamilton, formerly employed at the local shops as a machinist, but such is not the case. The man either assumed that name or his real name is Frank Hamilton.

It was thought a man of his description stopped at the Majestic rooming house last night, but the landlady is not certain.

The police have wired up and down the railroad, and the opinion is expressed that the fellow will be captured before he gets out of the territory.

Death of Mrs. L. B. Miller.

After an illness lasting six days, Mrs. L. B. Miller, of 614 South Second street, died at 1 o'clock last night of pneumonia. She was 37 years of age and in good health until last

Wednesday, when she was stricken down with pneumonia, which developed into pneumonia. The funeral will be held at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon from the residence. Rev. W. J. Marsh, pastor of the Congregational church, will officiate. The remains will be consigned to the grave at Fairview cemetery.

George W. Smith, superintendent of motive power of the Eastern Illinois, with headquarters at Danville, formerly of the Santa Fe coast line, has been appointed to the same position on the St. Louis, Memphis and Southeastern and the St. Louis and Gulf lines of the Frisco system.

Miss Grace Harrison, a teacher of mathematics and language at Tuskegee, Alabama, the daughter of T. Washington college, is stopping in the city. She is en route to her home in San Bernardino, California.

NEW CANDIDATE

IT IS REPORTED THAT GOVERNOR OTERO IS IN THE RACE FOR DELEGATE.

A promise to republican politicians from the classic precinct of Las Vegas, up in San Miguel county, who is in the territorial metropolis today, is authority for the statement that Governor M. A. Otero has given out the impression to a few intimate friends, which leads him to believe that the governor will soon shy his castor into the political arena as a full-fledged candidate for delegate to congress, and that lieutenants are now in certain sections of the territory working up enthusiasm for his candidacy.

"I have inside information," said this San Miguel county politician, "which convinces me beyond doubt that the governor is in dead earnest, and I have also heard the name of Attorney Charles Spota mentioned in connection with delegate honors. Should both of these gentlemen come out boldly before the approaching territorial republican convention which nominates a candidate for delegate to congress, B. S. Roddy, who will undoubtedly seek a re-nomination, will not have the smooth sailing so many of his friends expected."

If the words of the San Miguel county politician are true, and the governor withdraws from the race for re-nomination as governor, several candidates no doubt will enter the race for governorship in the event of President Roosevelt's election, and in this connection the names of Major W. H. H. Lewellyn, Colonel Patrick Garrett and J. J. Hagerman are being mentioned.

Hon. F. A. Hubbell, the territorial republican central committee chairman, who returned the other day from his sheep ranch, states that since his return to the city he has heard these rumors of new candidates for delegate and governorship honors, but as he is "out of politics" (and he winked the other eye), he would not venture his preference for either of them.

Major W. H. H. Lewellyn of Las Cruces came in this morning, and when a citizen representative tried to find him, it was learned that he was in consultation with Judge Baker, and, presumably, with other well-known local politicians.

The major was seen late this afternoon, but he would not deny or confirm the rumor in circulation to the effect that he would be a candidate for the appointment of governor of New Mexico. In fact, he was "dumb" as an oyster on the subject.

MANN STRONGLY SUPPORTED

IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE JUDGE-SHIP APPOINTMENT, WHICH WILL LIKELY BE MADE IN A FEW DAYS, WILL FALL TO HIM.

The following recent dispatch from Washington to the Denver Republican concerning the appointment of a new judge states the situation about personally, in this connection it is but proper to add that A. C. Campbell, of Roswell, and assistant attorney for the legal branch of the department of the interior, has been very strongly endorsed and his case was carefully considered. It is believed, however, that as Mr. Mann has the endorsements of Delegate Roddy, Governor Otero, National Committeeman Solomon Luna and of the republican territorial organization, he will be successful. The appointment is expected in a few days. The dispatch says: "Delegate Roddy, of New Mexico, called on the president today and filed some additional papers favorable to the appointment of Edward A. Mann, of Las Cruces, N. M., as territorial judge. There were so many candidates for the place and such a division of support among the candidates that the president was not inclined to act until there was some kind of an agreement. Mr. Roddy himself did not at first support Mr. Mann."

"The president promised some time ago to give the judgeship to a New Mexican man instead of an outside man if the republicans there could agree upon a competent lawyer. The acquiescence of the support of Mr. Roddy for Mr. Mann is understood to give him the republican organization of the

territory, including Governor Otero, and various other officials of prominence with the territorial government.

"Mr. Roddy says New Mexico's people are gratified at the president's recognition of the principle of home rule in this particular appointment. In former judgeship appointments the president has selected men from other states and the territorial republicans felt badly. In most cases, however, the fault was their own, inasmuch as they failed to agree upon one man and fought each other bitterly about candidates. It is expected Mr. Mann will be appointed within a few days."

REPORT ON HONDO RESERVOIR.

Is Expected to Be Favorable and to Be Made Public Very Soon.

The artisan well development in the Pecos valley continues, says a correspondent writing from Roswell. One of the latest gushers brought in is the well of L. J. Whitman, of Colorado, whose father-in-law, George D. Villiers, formerly of California, has been developing Mr. Whitman's farm two miles northeast of Dexter for several years. The flow was struck at a depth of 980 feet and spouts twenty-four inches above the seven and five-eighths casing. Mr. Whitman will have the well drilled to the full depth of 1,000 feet. This well makes Mr. Whitman's farm one of the most valuable in the valley.

Local thunder showers for the past few days have again broken the drought and gladdened everybody.

W. M. Reed, engineer in charge of the investigations for the reclamation service of the United States geological survey in this district, returned Friday from Denver, where he went to meet Supervising Engineer Davis and several of the consulting engineers to examine the reports on the Hondo reservoir investigation. No information can be had here as to the probable nature of the report, but the fact that Mr. Reed stopped the diamond drill work being done on the Hondo site, on Saturday, is regarded as a very favorable sign, as it can only mean that all the information needed or desired for a final report has been obtained, and that part of the work has been finished. The result will no doubt be made public very soon.

OFFICIAL MATTERS

Postoffice Re-established.

The postoffice at olivina, Union county, has been re-established. It is served from Logan, fifteen miles northeast.

Homestead Entries.

The following homestead entries were filed in the United States office: No. 7328—Manned Salazar, of Santa Fe City, for the south half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 11, township 24 north, range 24 east, 160 acres of land in Colfax county.

No. 7324—Pedro Ad Chavez, of Maxwell City, for the west half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 10, township 25 north, range 24 east, 160 acres of land in Colfax county.

Coal Entry.

No. 96—Anadiso Luchetti, of Monero, for the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 7, township 31 north, range 1 east, Rio Arriba county. Amount paid, \$500.

Session Court of Private Land Claims.

The last session of the court of private land claims will be held in Santa Fe Tuesday, June 14, when the affairs of that court will be finally disposed of.

DEFENDANTS ACQUITTED.

Domingo Ruiz and Cruz Portillo Declared Not Guilty of Murder.

The case of principal interest at the term of Sierra county court which ended Saturday was that of the Territory vs. Domingo Ruiz and Francisco Portillo, charged with the murder of Frederico Rodriguez on the Mirabres river, Grant county, last November, and brought to Hillsboro on a charge of venue.

A jury was secured Monday afternoon and the taking of testimony was commenced the same evening. At the conclusion of the testimony for the prosecution, the following evening, Judge Parker, on motion of the attorneys for the defense, instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty, and Ruiz and Portillo were discharged from custody. This evidence was altogether circumstantial and was not sufficiently strong nor connected to sustain a verdict of guilty.

Exercises at Annapolis.

Annapolis, Md., June 2.—The closing week exercises at the naval academy culminated today with the laying of the corner stone for the new chapel. Admiral Dewey presided over the ceremonies, and a number of distinguished visitors were present, including naval officers from League Island, Norfolk and other points and representatives of the naval department at Washington. The shipbuilders will embark for their summer cruises tomorrow.

OFFICIAL MATTERS

Surveys Ordered—Homestead Entries—Contract Awarded.

COURT OF LAND CLAIMS

The commissioner of the general land office has issued an order for the re-surveying of the western boundary of the Zuni reservation.

Application for Survey.

Harring & Soren, attorneys at law of Tucson, Arizona, have made application for the survey of the Garnett group, Central City mining district, in Grant county.

Statement Designating Trade Marks.

A statement of the Larned Creamery company, of Larned, Kansas, designating its trade mark, was filed in the office of the territorial secretary.

Public Survey Approved.

The commissioner of the land office has approved the public surveys in New Mexico: T. 16, and 17, S. 1, R. 18 E., in Otero county, and T. 13 N., R. 18 E., in Valencia county. The plots were filed in the local land office at Las Cruces and Santa Fe.

Survey of Mineral Claims.

Surveyor General M. O. Llewellyn has issued an order for the survey of the Imperial mining claim, situated in the Cooney mining district, Socorro county, in Deputy Mineral Surveyor George H. Brown of Silver City. The claimants are Frank Landershaugh and Mrs. Lillian E. Howard.

Amended Survey Called For.

The commissioner general land office has called upon the claimants of the Elberus lode claim, mineral survey No. 1193, situated in the Apache mining district, Sierra county, for an amended survey of that claim. Julius Wild is the claimant.

Official Contract Awarded.

The contract for repairs on the federal building, Santa Fe, has been officially awarded to F. P. Copeston for the sum of \$2,250. According to the contract the work on the building must be completed within 90 days after Mr. Copeston's bond is accepted. The award was made by the supervising architect of the treasury and came through United States Treasury collector A. L. Morrison.

Homestead Entries.

The following homestead entries were filed in the United States land office: No. 7325. Winfred T. Graney, of Colmar, for the southwest quarter, northeast quarter, south half, northwest quarter, northwest quarter, section 24, township 23 north, range 21 east, 160 acres in Colfax county.

No. 7326. Santos Samos of Cuervo, for northwest quarter, northeast quarter, north half, northwest quarter, southwest quarter, northwest quarter, section 14, township 8 north, range 24 east, 160 acres in Leonard Wood county.

U. S. Court of Private Land Claims.

The clerk of the court of private land claims has received from the commissioner of the land office for presentation to the court at its next sitting on June 14, the plats, field notes and other papers of the survey of the Santa Teresa and Refugio colony grants, both in Dona Ana county and of the San Miguel de Bado in San Miguel county. There were objections filed to the survey of the Santa Teresa and Refugio colony grants. These surveys are to be approved or disapproved by the court.

Bids Asked for Construction of a Sewer System.

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the constructing quartermaster at Whipple Barracks, Arizona, until 2 p. m., June 13, 1904, and then opened for furnishing labor and material for the construction of a sewer. Plans, specifications and other information are to be obtained at that office and in the offices of the chief quartermaster at San Francisco, California, and at Denver, Colorado. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked "Proposals for Sewer System at Whipple Barracks," and addressed to Charles C. Walcutt, Jr., constructing quartermaster.

Flag Day Proclamation.

Governor Otero has issued the following proclamation appointing Tuesday, June 14, an Flag Day, to be observed all over the territory: Executive Office, Santa Fe, N. M., June 1, 1904.

In pursuance of a commendable custom becoming established among the states and territories of the union, I hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 14th, 1904, as Flag Day, and recommend that the day be observed by all patriotic and liberty loving citizens of the territory by such exercises and ceremonies as may be in harmony with the general character of the day. I would suggest that all schools of the territory observe this day in exercises of a patriotic nature, and that citizens, merchants and territorial officers in all cities and towns, decorate their homes, places of business and public buildings with the Stars and Stripes on this commemorative occasion.

Articles of Incorporation.

The following articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of the territorial secretary: The San Antonio and Carthage Railway company. The company is incorporated for fifty years for the purpose of constructing

maintaining and operating a line of railway between San Antonio and Carthage in Socorro county. The principal place of business is Socorro, Socorro county. The capital stock of the company is \$140,000, divided into 1,400 shares of the par value of \$100 each. The incorporators are Daniel H. McMillan of Socorro, H. O. Dursum, Simon Nusham, J. H. Vaughn, Edward L. Bartlett of Santa Fe. The board of directors consists of the incorporators and Morton K. McMillan and Rosa McMillan. Daniel McMillan has been appointed treasurer of the corporation.

A New Forest Reserve.

It is proposed to establish a forest reserve in the Manzano mountains. Theodore Dixon of the Geological survey, is in this locality for the purpose of making a topographical map. Sixteen townships have been set aside for the reserve to be created by the government on its completion of the work of finding just what land is wanted. Considerable timber cutting has been going on on the land and Mr. Dixon will also investigate this and make recommendations to Washington.

Commencement at Purdue.

Lafayette, Ind., June 3.—All regular class work at Purdue university ceased today with the beginning of commencement affairs. The four days intervening before commencement day proper will be filled with a number of interesting events. Sunday the baccalaureate address will be given by President Morison of Notre Dame university. Class day exercises will be held Tuesday and the graduating exercises the day following. Charles Emory Smith of Philadelphia has been selected to deliver the address to the graduating class. There will be nearly 200 graduates. About twenty degrees will be conferred, and those, with those graduated from the School of Pharmacy in April, will make about 250 upon whom degrees are conferred during the year.

The Mitchner Book Binding company is under the personal supervision of H. R. Mitchner, who is a first class binder in every particular. He is a rapid worker and there is no occasion to send such work out of town as long as this independent company has Mr. Mitchner in charge.

MARKET LETTER

Special Correspondence.

Kansas City, Mo., Monday, May 30.—Prices on killing cattle have been steadily advancing for more than two weeks, and the sharpest gain of any one day is noted for today. All kinds of killing stock gained 20 to 30 cents last week, and the market is 10 to 15 cents higher today. Fat western steers brought \$5.20 last week, the highest price for the year for that class of cattle. Range bred steers in the dressed beef class gained daily as much as native cattle, and sold at the close of the week 20 to 30 cents higher than close of previous week. Not much western stock has been here lately, but choice native beefs sold at \$5.00 to \$5.20 last week. Colorado feeders, 1047 pounds, sold at \$4.20 early in the week, and feeder prices are 10 to 15 cents higher than a week ago. Stock cattle, however, have declined 10 to 20 cents, including stock calves. Western stock calves, 400 to 415 pounds, sold at \$3.75 to \$4.00 on Thursday, and 500 to 700 pounds western stockers sold at \$4.25 to \$4.30 during the week. Veal calves are unchanged for the week, but best bring around \$4.75. Run today is moderate at 15,000 head, and the market averages fully 10 cents higher than close of last week, and 50 to 60 cents higher than two weeks ago. Light runs are looked for, with good prices on killing stuff for the near future.

Sheep receipts continue light with prices a little higher than a week ago. 72 pounds western woolled lambs sold at \$7.00 last week, and spring lambs brought the same price. Clipped ewes sell from \$4.50 to \$5.10; wethers and yearlings up to \$5.75; clipped lambs at \$5.25 to \$6.10. Supply is made up of one half Texas notions, which sell at \$4.50 to \$4.90. The shortage is expected to continue until runs from western ranges begin, several weeks from now, and prices should be good for some time.

Kaw River Rising.

Topeka, June 3.—The Kaw river at this point stands at eleven feet and two inches at ten this morning, a rise of one foot in twenty-four hours. No trains are running on the Santa Fe west of here and the tracks of the Cottonwood Valley line, fifty miles west to Florence, is under water or washed out, and much loss to crops and stock is reported.

Tornado in Oklahoma.

Arbuckle, Okla., June 3.—A tornado struck Glenora, a town of 1,500 inhabitants in Payne county, Oklahoma today, demolishing five residences and destroying the Methodist church. Several persons were hurt but none seriously. Much damage was done to farm property.

Honors for Wu's Son.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 3.—Wu Chao Chow, son of Wu Ting Fang, former Chinese minister at Washington, was the central figure today at the graduating exercises of the Atlantic City high school. The young Chinese student won first honors in the class and was chosen to deliver the valedictory address.

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Denver Chief of Police.

Denver, June 3.—Police Captain Delaney has been appointed chief of police by the new fire and police board to succeed Hamilton Armstrong, who was elected to the position of sheriff.

G. H. Sweet, formerly of San Marcial, but now of Topeka, Kansas, is in the city. He arrived this morning and was homeward bound from a visit to his son, Conductor Howard Sweet, at San Marcial. On arrival here he received a telegram from Topeka saying that on account of the floods in Kansas he had better not come just yet, and he will return to San Marcial tonight to await the subsiding of the waters.

FIELD DAY AT MESILLA

VARSITY TEAM VANQUISHED BY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE FARMERS.

By Tight, president of the university; Rev. W. J. Marsh, of the Congregational church, who delivered the baccalaureate address at Agricultural and Mechanical Arts college commencement exercises at Mesilla park, and the varsity track team and the track team of the Albuquerque Indian school, who engaged in the intercollegiate track meet held on the O. and M. campus yesterday, returns here this morning, and without incident to mar the pleasure of the trip, but the larvae of conflict with the meat and brains of the farmers which they brought home were not many.

Several of the varsity's strongest men were prevented from going just at the last moment, and it was this handicap that made defeat more bitter. Alvord, Aldrich and Lane, who distinguished themselves in the dual track meet held here and were the varsity's best men, could not go. Alton, Becker, Irwin and K. Heald did go, and on these bushes the varsity had to depend for a score, and, although they were severely handicapped by lack of confidence and skillful training, they secured a few honors to be proud of. Heald won in throwing the hammer and broke the territorial record of 190 feet and six inches, with 197 feet and six inches. In the 220-yard hurdles, Allen was first and Irwin was second. In hurrying the discs, Allen won, and with ninety-three feet one and one-half inches, broke the record of eighty-eight feet ten inches.

In the totals the farmers were first, with sixty-six and one-half points, varsity second, with twenty-three points, and the Indians third, with eighteen and one-half points. The meet was one of the most successful ever held in New Mexico.

The Day at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., June 3.—Features of today's program at the exposition were the dedication of the Missouri and Indiana state buildings. Both events were well attended by visitors from each of the two states. Governor Dockery presided at the dedication of the Missouri building, which, naturally, is the largest of the state edifices. The dedication of the Indiana building was attended by Gov. Durbin, escorted by the Culver cadets, and Lieutenant Governor Gilbert, who delivered the principal address.

ASKED TO GIVE UP ITS CHARTER

ALAMOGORDO MERCHANTS WILL RENEW CONTRACT REGARDING WAGES AND HOURS IF THIS IS DONE.

The merchants of Alamogordo met the other day and decided that they would renew the present agreement with the retail clerks regarding hours, holidays and wages for another year if the clerks will surrender their union charter and disband the union. The clerks will meet to take action on the proposition.

The board of trade met and appointed a committee to draft resolutions asking that Alamogordo be made headquarters for one of the territorial district courts. The creation of the new sixth judicial district, with Roswell as the headquarters, will make it necessary to reorganize the territory and the supreme court meets Saturday at Santa Fe to make the reapportionment. A committee will probably go up to Santa Fe to present the claims of Alamogordo.

T. Y. Maynard, the watch inspector for the Rio Grande division of the Santa Fe, returned to the city this morning from San Marcial, where he attended to official duties. Mr. Maynard reports the country south of Albuquerque just as dry as it can be, and the people are praying and singing for rain.

Irving's Leading Lady.

Denver, June 3.—Maude Fealy, of Denver, today signed a contract as leading lady with Sir Henry Irving next season.

INJUNCTION

Judge Baker Heard Case and Sustained Railroad Company.

NOT HER IMPORTANT CASE

The court this morning took up the case of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company against H. Wilson and many others, alleged to be interfering with and threatening to interfere with the plaintiff in the legitimate conduct of its business.

Judge Klobe, the referee appointed in the case, submitted his report, which consisted of the testimony of a number of witnesses called by the company to substantiate the allegations of their complaint. The report also showed that the defendants' conduct, Bryan and Burkhardt, did not appear in defense.

The cause was heard by the court, the defendants objecting before the court to the admissibility of the evidence, claiming it to be immaterial.

The court heard the arguments of counsel, and in an elaborate ruling, the court sustained the motion of the plaintiff to make the injunction permanent.

The defendants then moved to modify the injunction, so as to permit defendants to lawfully persuade men to leave the employ of the company.

The court refused to modify the injunction, saying that defendants, so long as they acted lawfully in any matter, were not affected by the injunction.

Messrs. Twitchell and Dobson appeared for plaintiffs, and Messrs. Bryan and Burkhardt for defendants.

Demurrer Sustained.

The court heard the case of N. B. Field against the Western Union Telegraph company, a suit to recover damages for the errors of the company in transmitting a dispatch. The defendant demurred on the ground that the company could not be held liable on an unreported telegram for mistakes or errors, while plaintiff claimed that the company could not contract against its gross negligence, and asserted that the signing of the wrong name to the message was such negligence.

The court held that the question involved had practically been determined by the supreme court of the United States, and, following that decision, held the printed contract on the back used relieved the defendant from liability for the mistake or error committed in the transmission of this telegram.

F. W. Clancy appeared for the plaintiff and Major W. H. H. Llewellyn for the telegraph company.

BASE BALL

It Is Likely Albuquerque Will Enter Southwestern League.

Last night in the cafe annex of the lobby of the Alvarado, three baseball enthusiasts congregated to discuss the best plan of procedure to organize a base ball team in Albuquerque.

Around the tables were gathered such well-known sportsmen and veterans of the diamond as G. O. Francisco, president of the El Paso baseball association; Maynard Gunnell, secretary of the Territorial Fair association, and F. J. Houston, the Gold avenue sporting goods merchant.

After giving the situation a thorough going over, the trio decided that Albuquerque must have a base ball team to compete for the large cash purse to be offered by the fair association next fall, and that the team should be organized at once, and Albuquerque is soon to have a base ball team. The season is well on and the quicker the organization is completed the better.

Las Vegas has a team, managed and captained by F. O. Blood and E. G. Murphy, two of the Missouri City's most prominent citizens. The town has guaranteed a subscription of \$250 per month to maintain the team, and it is thought that the Duke City might be able to do the same.

At the close of the meeting last night Mr. Houston was chosen to manage the Albuquerque team, and the organization is in progress. Mr. Houston is a "pusher", sort of a fellow, and the people may feel assured that the Duke City will have a winning team. The first game will be played next Sunday at El Paso. The Duke City aggregation has not been christened yet.

Southern Memorial Day.

Atlanta, Ga., June 2.—The anniversary of Jefferson Davis' birth was generally observed as Memorial day throughout Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Louisiana. In Tennessee and Mississippi, by virtue of laws passed at the last legislative sessions, the day was observed as a public holiday for the first time.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Episcopal church will serve ice cream and cake tomorrow night next door to Newcomer's book store. Price 15 cents. Proceeds to help on the new church building.